

# Arch Street United Methodist Church

A Reconciling Congregation

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**Sunday**  
**March 22, 2015**  
**11:00 AM Service**

*Senior Pastor, Reverend Robin Hynicka*

*Visitation Pastor, Reverend Reinhard Kruse*

*Deacons, Reverend David Brown, David Krueger*

*Deaconess, Darlene Di Domineck*

*Secretaries, Anne McCormick/Cathy Minecci*

*Sextons, Russell Whaley/Devon Goodwin/*

*Joe Kalil/Toni McIlwaine, LaDonna Cuffee*

# SUNDAY WORSHIP 11:00 AM

March 22, 2015

5th Sunday in Lent

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## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Prelude on "Olivet" J. Southbridge

## GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CHORAL INTROIT "Sanctuary"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

\* PROCESSIONAL HYMN #157 "Jesus Shall Reign"

\*OPENING PRAYER

\*RESPONSIVE PSALM #51 p. 785

\*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit"

Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,*

*And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;*

*There are sweet expressions on each face,*

*And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

**Refrain:** *Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove*

*Stay right here with us, filling us with your love;*

*And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;*

*Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived;*

*When we shall leave this place.*

## CLAIMING OUR HOPE

SCRIPTURE READING Lea Booth

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

Hebrews 5: 5-10

CHORAL ANTHEM "Give Me a Clean Heart" M. Douroux

GOSPEL John 12: 20-33

SERMON "Consolation Prize" Reverend Robin M. Hynicka

## CALL TO PRAYER

**\*HYMN** # 522 “Leave It There”

*(During the singing of the hymn, worshippers are invited to approach the altar)*

## SILENT MEDITATION

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## AFFIRMING OUR MISSION

**OFFERTORY** “O How I Love Jesus” Thygerston

**OFFERTORY RESPONSE** #95 Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,*

*Praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above,*

*Ye heavenly host;*

*Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*Amen.*

**\*HYMN** # 480 “O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

## \*BENEDICTION

## \*POSTLUDE

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**Guest Organist:** Rosemarie Coleman

**Worship Leader:** Nicola Jefferson

**Greeters:** Alice Ming and Dale Shillito

**Nursery Attendant:** Joyce Mojher

**Get Acquainted Time Host:** Dale Shillito

*“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

*Hebrews 4: 16*

# Calendar

## March 22, 2015 to March 30, 2015

- SUN** 3/22 8:30 Worship Service, Chapel  
9:45 Children's Sunday School  
9:45 Adult Sunday School  
9:45 Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 Get Acquainted Time  
11:00 Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12:00 Driver's Licenses for Immigrants  
12:20 to 3 Deaconess Darlene, Sanctuary  
12:30 Get Acquainted Time  
2:00 Unity Fellowship Church Service  
5:30 Grace Café Devotions  
6:00 Grace Café
- MON** 3/23 1:00 Tea & Talk  
5:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
7:00 Freedom Band Rehearsal
- TUE** 3/24 12:00 Hour of Power, Sanctuary
- WED** 3/25 **12:00 Noon Lenten Service, Sanctuary**  
1:00 Reflections on Lent, Conf. Rm.  
6:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
6:30 Church Council
- THUR** 3/26 5:30 AA, Nichols Hall  
7:00 Diversity Group
- FRI** 3/27 3:00 Photo Show, Chapel
- SUN** 3/29 **Palm/Passion Sunday**  
8:30 Worship Service, Chapel  
9:45 Children's Sunday School  
9:45 Adult Sunday School  
9:45 Choir Rehearsal  
9:45 Get Acquainted Time  
10:00 Palm Sunday Procession to City Hall  
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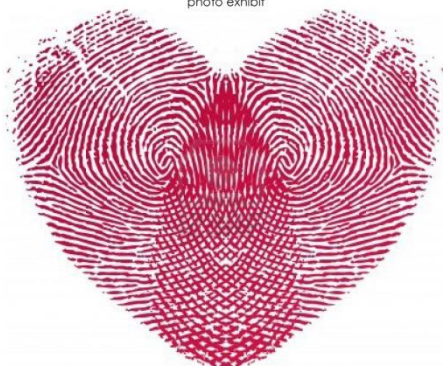
Please see the Events page on our web site: [www.archStreetumc.org](http://www.archStreetumc.org)  
for the full calendar of happenings.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

A celebration of what makes us

human.

photo exhibit



Arch Street United Methodist  
55 North Broad Street  
Friday, March 27, 2015  
3:00pm - 7:00pm

**FREE FOOD AND PHOTOS!**

## **Photo Show in the Chapel**

"Every single one of us feels happiness, pain, sorrow, hope. We all dream; we all need to eat, sleep, feel loved, keep warm in the winter, cool off in the summer; go to school if we want to, the doctor when we have to. Yet for some reason we as a race, Human, tend to alienate each other.

No matter what is thrust upon us in life, we are all, at our roots, the same.  
We are all human."

Alisa Miller a recent graduate and Harrison Brink, current student of photojournalism at Temple University

## **NSM's Next Campaign: Driver's Licenses**

New Sanctuary Movement has achieved stunning victories this year with ending ICE holds in Philadelphia and freeing Angela from deportation proceedings. In addition, the national New Sanctuary Movement has just scored another victory in Phoenix. Misael, who has been in Sanctuary there for 3 months, just won his case.

Now it is time to begin New Sanctuary's next campaign here in Pennsylvania—Driver's licenses! Come to a workshop in the chapel immediately following the 11 am worship service **TODAY** to learn why this is important and what you can do to make it happen.

### **POWER's Spring Concert – TODAY**

POWER's Second Annual Choir and Music Concert will be held **today** from **4–6 PM** at St. Malachy's Catholic Church. Musicians and choirs from nine POWER congregations will present a program of thanksgiving and joy as we gather to celebrate the exciting work POWER did in 2014 and recognize the people who contributed in major ways to that success. Greg Scott of Calvary UMC is music director for this year's event and those of us who have been to one of his concerts can tell you it will be great!

St. Malachy's is located at 1429 North 11<sup>th</sup> St. between Master and Jefferson Streets. (SEPTA's #23 bus runs north on 11<sup>th</sup> St. directly in front of the church). Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door. Funds raised from the concert will support POWER's work on school funding, living wages, and racial justice in 2015. Arch Street is one of POWER's most dedicated congregations. Thank you for all you do to support POWER, and please be part of the celebration today to keep us moving forward in this important work.

### **GAT=Gather At Twelve to Get A Treat at Get Acquainted Time**

Please join us after the service for a snack and a chat with visitors and old friends. We have started a weekly, simple version of GAT. We provide all serving items. You just have to bring a beverage and something to nibble on—store bought is fine. This is not a light lunch as at our past monthly GATs so don't be intimidated! It does not need to take much of your time or money to host. You don't have to be Martha Stewart! Please consider signing up for a date in April or May after either service. For your convenience the sign-up sheet is on the easel as you leave the sanctuary, or notify Betsy Connor (215-232-7186, [betsyfconnor@gmail.com](mailto:betsyfconnor@gmail.com)) of your preferred date. Be sure to pick up the GAT Information Sheet for simple instructions. Thank you in advance for making Arch Street warm and welcoming.

## Wednesday Lenten Noon Service

*Reverend Herbert Snyder will preach this Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.*

**All United Methodists and their friends who live and work in Philadelphia** are invited to join the members and friends of the Arch Street UMC in our Lenten Devotion and Discipleship! Every Wednesday and continuing on through Holy Week and Good Friday, we welcome everyone to explore, experience and export the saving, loving and justice seeking grace of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The mid-week services begin at **12 Noon** with a musical prelude which is followed by meditation, prayer, singing, scripture reading, preaching and concludes with a call to discipleship at 12:50pm. The clergy affiliated with Arch Street UMC will preach and share on the theme: **“Holiness: An Experience of God’s Grace.”**

Dialogue will continue after the service for those who have the time. Two discussion groups are planned, one for clergy and the other for laity. *For more information contact Reverend Robin Hynicka at (215) 498 3718 or [robin@archstreetumc.org](mailto:robin@archstreetumc.org)*

### **A Lenten Opportunity for Discussion/Reflection**

As part of our Spiritual Growth Program, the United Methodist Women invite you to attend the **Wednesday noon services each Wednesday during Lent**. Following each Lenten service, Wilhelmina Young will offer an opportunity for discussion of the sermon and reflection based on the book *A Clearing Season* by Sarah Parsons. We will meet for one hour immediately following the service in the second floor conference room. The book is available on Kindle and a few copies will be available on Ash Wednesday. Wilhelmina Young is the Spiritual Growth Coordinator for the United Methodist Women of the Eastern PA Conference. **ALL ARE WELCOME!!!**

### **Grace Café**

Grace Café (ASUMC’s outreach to folks currently without homes) will be open **every Sunday** until June 28, 2015. After a brief period of faith-sharing this evening, those gathered will enjoy a home-cooked meal prepared by members of Old St. George’s UMC. There are still openings in the spring for hosts to bring food and prepare a meal for about 200 people. If you know of a group that would like to assist in this important mission, please have them contact the church office at 215-568-6250 or Darlene DiDomineck at [ddidomineck@epaumc.org](mailto:ddidomineck@epaumc.org). Greeters, servers and clean-up crew are needed and always welcome.

## **Adult Sunday School**

All those interested in reading, reflecting on and discussing the Bible passages in preparation for the next week's sermon are invited to meet in the Chapel at **9:45AM today**. Readings for **April 5, 2015** are Acts 10: 34-43; Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 and Mark 16: 1-8.

## **Children's Sunday School**

Sunday School for all children will be held between Services at **9:45AM**. Primary and Early Elementary years will meet with Dottie Wells in Nichols Hall, Room G. The Nursery is open for all infants and toddlers from 8AM – 12:30PM. If you would like to assist with Sunday School, please contact the church office (215) 568 6250 or speak to Pastor Robin.

## **Student Run Emergency Shelter**

In partnership with the Student Run Emergency Shelter Program and Project Home, ASUMC will welcome up to 30 men to sleep overnight in Nichols Hall. The goal is to assist the guest to make the transition from homeless to permanent housing. Students from several area colleges and universities volunteer to serve a light supper, share in community building activities and provide support and assistance. If you are interested in learning more about this program, please contact the church office (215) 568 6250.

## **Hear Ye!**

Here at Arch Street UMC we would love to hear you **read scripture** at the 8:30 or 11:00 services. If you are interested, please indicate it on your card or call the church office at 215-568-6250.

## **A Look at Our Faithfulness**

Combined attendance for **Sunday, March 15th, 2015** was **101 and 196** for Grace Café. Your tithes, gifts and offerings help ASUMC make a difference in our community. Thank you.



Brochures for Gretna Glen, Camp Innabah, Carson-Simpson Farm and Pocono Plateau are in the Chapel lobby.



## **The Latest From POWER\*—A Fun FFFF\*\* Foray**

As you no doubt remember, our church, as one of the 40 POWER Congregations, has been active for several years in an effort to improve the tragic state of our city's schools. With our Christian, Jewish and Muslim friends in POWER we made well over 100,000 get-out-the-vote phone calls and door knocks for education and jobs and are now a recognized city-wide force for social justice.

Now that we are past election season it is number-crunch time in Harrisburg and each POWER congregation has been assigned a local PA State Rep or Senator to meet with to determine his/her stand on the FFFF and the upcoming state budget. We want to be sure both are sufficient to get our public schools back on track to truly educate our children.

We are forming a **small, short-lived, targeted committee** to research, strategize, arrange a meeting, and meet with our assigned State Representative. Other methods of determining our Rep's stand on these issues and moving them to our side if necessary will be considered.

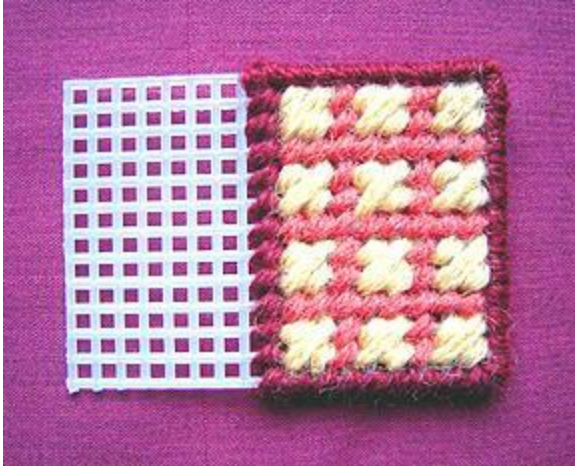
**If you have any experience with this type of social justice organizing please join us—we need your expertise! If you have been meaning to help Philadelphia's school children but didn't know how—we need your help!**

Please contact Betsy Connor (215-232-7186, [betsyfconnor@gmail.com](mailto:betsyfconnor@gmail.com)) or Wilhelmina Young to learn of meeting dates and locations.

## **Children, youth choirs to help Simpson House celebrate 150 years**

Simpson House, the oldest United Methodist retirement community in the U.S., turns 150 in 2015. To celebrate this sesquicentennial milestone, the institution will hold monthly festive activities, including a **[Children and Youth Choir Festival](#) Sunday, April 26, at 3 PM**. They invite congregations from around the conference to register their young singers to participate in a mass children and youth choir, and in ensembles and as recommended soloists. Church directors will receive music in advance to prepare their choirs for the concert. The festival will include a rehearsal at 1:30 and an old-fashioned ice cream social.

Other Celebration highlights include: an antiques appraisal event (**May 3**); a cooking competition using historic Simpson House recipes (**June 13**), and a special worship service with Bishop Peggy Johnson preaching (**June 14**). Use the Schedule of events to register for activities. Contact Robbe Healey at [rhealey@simpsonsenior.org](mailto:rhealey@simpsonsenior.org) or call 610-660-0116 for more information.



### **Plastic Canvas Class**

Jayden Hensley is teaching a craft class on Sunday afternoons. Donations of colored yarn and plastic canvases would be greatly appreciated. If you have questions or would like to know more about the class, please see Jayden after the 11 AM service.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

### **Founders Day**

**Monday March 23 10:00 AM-4:30 PM**

All are invited to celebrate Founders Day at The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University (1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103). Pay what you wish to celebrate the anniversary of the Academy's founding. Bring your friends and family to enjoy dinosaurs, butterflies, and more!

### **FYI**

Councilwoman Jannie Blackwell is hosting a *Health and Safety Street Fair* at 5700 Pemberton Street on **Saturday, April 25, 2015** from **10 AM – 4 PM**. Several state and city vendors will participate and a number of elected officials will be in attendance. Light refreshments will be served. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Virginia Brown at 215-472-2279.



## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Prayers of Healing** for: *Russell Whaley, Brenda East, Ida Torrance, Cheryl Roebuck, Dorothy Hurley, David Taylor, Dolores Farinre-Carey, Charlene Arcila, Felipe Velazquez, J. J., Mr. Franco, Skylar, John Johnson, Len Metzler, Loretta Wootten, Evelyn Tinsley, Emily Jenson, Marsha Wittman, Jenny Jakacki, Laura Massey, Steve Whaley, Nuwoo Gbarbea, Tim Brazelton, Diann Rollins, Weslia Hynicka, Joan Wood, James Williams, Anthony Mastrando, Inez Barrett-Otey, Diana Amey, Casey Edwards, Temple Joiner, Ann Gennaro, Mark Fischer, Ida Bristoe, Maureen Norman, Jeanne Kostenbader, Donald Lathrop, Pamela Thomas, Rev. James Pittman, Sandra Parker, Marion Dabney, Patricia Pape, Yazid Jones, Carl Davis, Ernie, John Tucker, Lou Brooks, Rob Koob, Jada Bascom, Minerva Clark, Vanessa & Yaddy Sellers, Nakia Rimmer, Don Allen, Anna Cole, Christopher Browne, Betty Flowerree, Troy McColley, Barton Burke, Thomas Onorato, Roy Samuel Layden, Dorothy Eady, Molly Villafane, Pamela Maupin, Mary Reece, Celestine Justin, Louis Harrigan, Mayra Malonada, Mary Smith, Sheldon Nixon, Althea Sea, Dumis Randolph, Joanne Ferreri, Rosemary Schier*

**Prayers of Encouragement** for: *Bill Gatewood, Grace, Jeff, Charles and David, Shalia DeShields, Rev. Brett Charsky, Lea Booth and family, the Hearn family, Anthony Eugene Smith and his mother, Christina, Rashida Bryant, Shelly Folks, the Thompson/Norman family, Calvin Smith, Jr., John Kitterell, Deborah Seely, Caroline Lopopolo, Alexander Grant, Lynn Jamison, Lonnie Minor, Anana Tinnhé, Laura Harrigan, Anna Burton, Glenda Cooke, Connie Knight, Rick Taylor, the Robertson family, Dorothy Watson and family, the family of Lunette Ellis, for Joe, Rich, and Elaine Jenson and family*

**Prayers of Protection** for our service people and those living in parts of the world under conflict. And, please pray for those who are hungry, ill, displaced, or living in poverty because of natural and human-made disasters, and for the workers who minister to them.

# **ARCH STREET UMC VISION**

Arch Street United Methodist Church will be a welcoming Christian community that inspires openness, understanding, healing and reconciliation both within the congregation and in the community-at-large.

## **ARCH STREET MISSION STATEMENT**

Arch Street United Methodist Church's mission is to love God and neighbor by nurturing individuals on their spiritual journeys, encouraging creativity in faithful service, strengthening relationships and promoting justice.

*GOD'S TABLE IS OPEN TO ALL.*

*THERE'S ROOM AT THE TABLE FOR YOU.*

Arch Street United Methodist Church is a community of faith-keeping and faith-seeking people who embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and affirm the dignity and worth of every person as created in the image of God. We celebrate and give thanks for all of the gifts of God among us. Our welcome knows no boundaries, whether of age, racial or ethnic background, gender, sexual orientation or gender identity, economic or marital status, or physical or mental ability. We welcome all to share in the ministry, fellowship, and blessings of full participation as members of Christ's body.



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## **Parking**

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